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DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION OF THE OTSUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMISSIONUPRED
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA,)	No.	05-1326	•
SUSAN V. STERMAN,)			
Bar No. 016312)	DISC	IPLINARY	COMMISSION
)	REPO	ORT	
RESPONDENT.)			

This matter came before the Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Arizona on October 14, 2006, pursuant to Rule 58, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., for consideration of the Hearing Officer's Report filed June 12, 2006, recommending acceptance of the Tender of Admissions and the Agreement for Discipline by Consent (Tender) and the Joint Memorandum (Joint Memorandum) in Support of Agreement for Discipline by Consent providing for censure and costs.

Decision

The seven members¹ of the Disciplinary Commission unanimously recommend accepting and adopting the majority of the Hearing Officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law,² and recommendation for censure and costs of these disciplinary

¹ Commissioner Baran did not participate in these proceedings. One public member seat remains vacant.

² The Commission determined that mitigating factor 9.32(a) absence of prior disciplinary offenses is not supported by the record. See Hearing Officer's Report, p. 4. Respondent's prior disciplinary offenses include one year of probation as imposed in File No. 99-1421 effective February 17, 2000, for violating ER 3.4(c) and Rule 51(e) and (k), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. Application of this factor was an inadvertent error and does not affect the outcome.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this <u>22</u> day of <u>Truember</u>, 2006.

Barbara A. Atwood, Chair Disciplinary Commission

Original filed with the Disciplinary Clerk this 22 day of 700 m., 2006.

Copy of the foregoing mailed this 22 had day of 2006, to:

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³ A copy of the Hearing Officer's Report is attached as Exhibit A.